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SUBJECT: US-EC RELATIONS DISCUSSED IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

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1. SUMMARY. DURING ITS OCTOBER SESSION IN STRASBOURG THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP) DEALT WITH A NUMBER OF SUBJECTS (SEPTEL) AND ON TWO OCCASIONS SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED US-EC RELATIONS. THE FIRST OCCASION WAS THE REPORT BY DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN ON EC POLITICAL COOPERATION IN WHICH HE SAID THE EC RESPONSE TO THE KISSINGER INITIATIVE CLEARLY SHOWS COMMUNITY VIEWS ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS. THE SECOND OCCASIONS WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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AN EP POLITICAL COMMITTEE REPORT BY FRG SOCIALIST MEMBER FELLERMAIER ON US-EC RELATIONS AND THE ADOPTION BY THE PARLIAMENT OF A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STRENGTHENED US-EC TIES. IN REITERATING THE PARLIAMENT'S DESIRE FOR A MEETING WITH

PRESIDENT NIXON WHEN HE VISITS EUROPE, FELLERMAIER SAID THAT A FORMAL INVITATION WOULD BE ISSUED IF THERE IS U.S. INTEREST IN SUCH A MEETING. SOAMES ALSO SPOKE ON WHAT HE SAW AS RECENT IMPROVEMENTS IN US-EC RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. ANDERSEN REPORT. ANDERSEN PRESENTED THE SECOND LUXEMBOURG REPORT ON EC POLITICAL COOPERATION WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS ON JULY 23, 1973 (COPENHAGEN 2154) AND LONDON A-1190). AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE REPORT OBLIGATES THE MEMBER STATES TO CONSULT ONE ANOTHER BEFORE MAKING DECISIONS ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS AFFECTING EUROPE. ANDERSEN SAID THIS CONSULTATION PROCESS IS ALREADY IN EFFECT, AND HE CITED THE COORDINATION OF THEIR POSITIONS BY THE EC NINE AT THE CSCE AS ONE EXAMPLE. THE SUCCESS OF THE CSCE TO DATE IS PARTLY DUE TO THESE CONSULTATIONS, HE SAID.

3. ANDERSEN STATES THAT ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF SUCH CONSULTATIONS IS THE CURRENT DISCUSSION OF A DECLARATION ON US-EC RELATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR A VISIT TO EUROPE BY PRESIDENT NIXON. EC WORK ON THIS DECLARATION BEGAN LAST SUMMER IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S APRIL SPEECH, HE ADDED, AND THIS WORK PRODUCED A DRAFT DECLARATION IN COPENHAGEN LAST MONTH. THAT DRAFT IS PRESENTLY BEING RE-EXAMINED IN COPENHAGEN WITH U.S. OFFICIALS. THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT RESULTS FROM THIS EXERCISE. FIRST, A COMMON VIEW AMONG THE NINE HAS EVOLVED, AND THE U.S. CAN HAVE NO DOUBT THAT ITS EUROPEAN FRIENDS WILL MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS. SECOND, RATHER THAN CAUSING ANY STRAINS, THIS EXERCISE HAS CONTRIBUTED TO DEVELOPING THE EUROPEAN IDENTITY BECAUSE THE NINE HAVE FOUND THE TIME IS RIGHT FOR DEFINING THESE AIMS IN FOREIGN POLICY.

4. FELLERMAIER REPORT. IN HIS PRESENTATION, FELLERMAIER, THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE'S RAPPOREUR FOR A REPORT ON US-EC RELATIONS, ALSO NOTED THE CATALYTIC EFFECT OF A POSSIBLE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT IN THE PREPARATION OF HIS REPORT. HE SAID IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR PRESIDENT NIXON TO MEET WITH THE LEADERS OF THE COMMUNITY'S INSTITUTIONS AS WELL AS THE CHIEFS OF STATE AND
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HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMUNITY COUNTRIES. HE RECALLED THE PARLIAMENT'S JULY 4 RESOLUTION ON A PRESIDENTIAL VISIT (REF A) IN WHICH THE PARLIAMENT EXPLAINED ITS INTEREST IN SUCH A VISIT AND EXPRESSED ITS HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT MIGHT BE DESIROUS OF MEETING DIRECTLY WITH THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE. IF THERE IS INTEREST IN SUCH A MEETING, THE PARLIAMENT WILL OF COURSE EXTEND A FORMAL INVITATION TO THE PRESIDENT TO VISIT PARLIAMENT, FELLERMAIER COMMENTED.

5. FELLERMAIER WENT ON TO NOTE THAT HIS REPORT MENTIONED SECURITY AS WELL AS TRADE AND MONETARY MATTERS, ALTHOUGH NO MENTION WAS MADE OF ALLIANCES IN DEFERENCE TO IRELAND. AN INTEGRATED EUROPE MUST DISCUSS SECURITY QUESTIONS. HE ALSO SAID

A SINGLE EUROPEAN POLICY MUST NOT BE SIMPLY THE SUM OF INDIVIDUAL POLICIES OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES NOR OF OTHER COMMUNITY POLICIES IN TRADE, ENERGY, ETC. ALL THESE POLICIES ARE INTERLINKED IN AN OVERALL POLITICAL FRAMEWORK AND MUST BECOME MORE AND MORE CLOSELY INTERLINKED.

6. SPEAKERS FROM THE OTHER POLITICAL GROUPS THEN EXPRESSED THEIR SUPPORT AND COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SOAMES ALSO SPOKE. SOAMES EMPHASIZED THAT US-EC RELATIONS ARE OF ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THAT THESE RELATIONS ARE DIFFERENT FROM ANY PRESENT OF FORMER BILATERAL RELATIONS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBER STATES WITH THE U.S. HE NOTED THAT THERE ARE TODAY SOME LIMITS TO THE CONSIDERATION BY COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS OF FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES. HE SAID THAT WHERE FOREIGN RELATIONS ARE TREATED BY INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE THE COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK, IT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT THIS EXTRA-INSTITUTIONAL MACHINERY WORK WELL; THE COMMUNITY MUST ALSO UNDERSTAND THE DIFFICULTY THIRD COUNTRIES HAVE IN UNDERSTANDING THIS INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM. HE SAID THERE IS NOW A BETTER COMPREHENSION IN THE UNITED STATES OF THIS INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM AND OF THE COMMUNITY IN GENERAL.

7. TO ILLUSTRATE BETTER U.S. UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY, SOAMES CITED THREE EXAMPLES: THE U.S. NO LONGER SPEAKS OF THE COMMUNITY AS OF HAVING ONLY REGIONAL INTERESTS; THE U.S. NOW FEELS THAT EUROPE IS ASSUMING ITS SHARE OF THE BURDEN OF HELPING LDCS, AND THERE IS EVEN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CAP AND EUROPE'S PREOCCUPATION WITH STABLE SOURCES OF FOOD SUPPLIES. SOAMES REFERRED TO REMARKS BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF A EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND REMINDED THEM THAT EUROPEAN IDENTITY IN THE EYES OF THIRD COUNTRIES WILL BE THE IMAGE THE COMMUNITY CREATES IN ITS FOREIGN RELATIONS.

8. SOAMES SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CONSULTATIONS HE WILL HAVE IN WASHINGTON IN A WEEK AND A HALF AND SAID THESE ARE PART OF THE CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE EC AND THE U.S. HE SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT THE PARLIAMENT PLAYS ITS PART IN SUCH CONSULTATIONS, NOTING THAT A PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION WILL BE VISITING CONGRESS AT THE SAME TIME (REF B). SOAMES SAID THAT IT IS EASIER TO ACHIEVE A SPECTACULAR SUCCESS WITH A FORMER OPPONENT THAN WITH AN OLD FRIEND AND THAT PART OF THE DIFFICULTY IN RECENT YEARS WITH THE UNITED STATES HAS RESULTED FROM THIS DIFFICULTY OF INTRODUCING A NEW NOTION INTO AN OLD RELATIONSHIP. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE NINE HAVE RALLIED AND RESPONDED TO THE KISSINGER REQUEST FOR A REDEFINITION OF ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND NOTED TWO OF THE EXAMPLES OF EC UNITY IN FOREIGN RELATIONS: THE UNIFIED POSITION OF THE NINE AT THE TOKYO OPENING OF THE MTN AND THE RECENT APPOINTMENT OF A PROMINENT EUROPEAN TO HEAD THE COMMISSION DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. GREENWALD

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